

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
STATE BOARD FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
New York, New York – Regents Room
Meeting Friday, November 22, 2024

Members Present:

Andrew Opett -Chair
Catherine Leonard – Vice Chair
Lawrence Shapiro
Kathleen Febos Kilkenny
Nathaniel Mosher_ Albany Office
Jennifer McDonald- Albany Office

Members Absent:

Matthew Lawney
Mindy Kaplan

Staff:

Stephanie Maes, Executive Secretary
Thania Fernandez, ES
Christina Beaudin, Board Staff
Noah Fatata, Board Staff

Guests:

Katherine Herlihy
Mike Massaro

Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Stephanie Maes

Minutes

Motion: To approve Minutes of the June 7, 2024, Board meeting. Leonard

Second: Febos

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: The Minutes of the June 7, 2024, are approved as drafted.

ES Fernandez introduced the new Executive Secretary Stephanie Maes to the Board Members. Dr. Stephanie Maes has a PhD in Geology and has 10 years of professional experience in Higher Education.

NPTE Exam Appeal Update

Ms. Fernandez shared the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Appeal Update and the latest Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) statistics; noting that the number of applicants taking the test under NYS jurisdiction and under the appeal process continues to increase.

Legislation

S 6220-B STAVISKY Same as A 6696 Fahy Amends 6734 of the Education Law to require that an applicant for a physical therapy license must have received an education, that includes a doctoral degree in physical therapy or determined to be equivalent, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. This amendment cannot be construed to affect the validity of existing licenses and permits.

Meeting Dates for next meetings:

March 7, 2025

Adjournment

Motion:(Opett)

Second: (Febos)

Vote: Unanimous

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:24 a.m.